

mounted chasseurs. He was, perhaps from his former training, one of the officers opposed to the formation of a guard or picked body, but on this point he had to give way to the wishes of the Court, and apparently of the Allies, till he had agreed to a guard of 12,000 men. He left the Ministry in September, 1815, but held it again from 1817 to 1819, having also been Marine Minister from June to September, 1817. He died in 1830.

Oudinot, Duke of Eggio, one of the 1809 creations as Marshal, had become a warm partisan of the Bourbons ; and on the news of the landing of Napoleon he was sent to command the Guard then called Grenadiers and Chasseurs de France, which was at Metz. The Bourbons, with their usual extraordinary want of common sense, had neither treated the Guard well nor broken up the corps, thus keeping them in a discontented state, ready for the hand of Napoleon. The incredibly foolish order was given to Oudinot to march to oppose Napoleon. Off set the Guard, but poor Oudinot soon found that while he was treated with all due respect, he was practically a prisoner, and that the corps he professed to command was determined to join Napoleon at once. " If," said the unhappy Marshal to the messenger sent, too late, to -stop the march, "if I cannot escape, they will take me to the Emperor." He did, however, succeed in avoiding, for the moment, a meeting under such very unpleasant circumstances, though he saw Napoleon later. All this action of the troops has to be remembered in thinking of the conduct of Ney. Oudinot refused to take service under Napoleon, and after Waterloo he was prominent in trying to get hostilities stopped, and in assisting the recall of the Bourbons. He soon superseded Dessoles in command of the National Guard of Paris, and received honors from the Bourbons which he might accept without loss of self-respect, but still one cannot speak of him in the same way as of Mac-donald. There is an air of perhaps only apparent insincerity and double-dealing in his conduct. He was on the Champ de Mai, and when afterwards questioned about this replied that he was there, *but only in undress*, — an answer, it must be admitted, not

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